

# Educational Attainment in Kentucky and the United States

## Highest Level of Education Attained, Population 25 Years and Older

	2001 Estimate		2002 Estimate		2003 Estimate		2004 Estimate		2005 Estimate		2006 Estimate	
	Kentucky	United States	Kentucky	United States	Kentucky	United States	Kentucky	United States	Kentucky	United States	Kentucky	United States
Population 25 years and over	2,596,609	179,959,220	2,672,274	182,686,266	2,646,695	184,395,128	2,692,934	186,534,177	2,715,805	188,950,759	2,812,772	195,932,824
Percent high school graduate or higher (including GED)	76.1%	82.1%	76.4%	82.6%	78.7%	83.6%	77.6%	83.9%	77.6%	84.2%	79.6%	84.1%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	18.1%	25.5%	18.8%	25.9%	18.6%	26.5%	19.0%	27.0%	19.3%	27.2%	20.0%	27.0%
Less than 9th grade	10.5%	6.7%	10.5%	6.7%	9.5%	6.5%	9.6%	6.3%	8.8%	6.4%	8.6%	6.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13.4%	11.2%	13.1%	10.7%	11.8%	9.9%	12.9%	9.8%	12.0%	9.5%	11.8%	9.4%
High school graduate (including GED)	34.6%	29.6%	34.0%	29.6%	35.1%	29.8%	34.9%	29.5%	34.7%	29.6%	34.7%	30.2%
Some college, no degree	18.3%	20.4%	18.1%	20.4%	19.4%	20.3%	18.0%	20.3%	18.6%	20.1%	18.4%	19.5%
Associate degree	5.1%	6.6%	5.5%	6.8%	5.7%	7.0%	5.6%	7.1%	6.4%	7.4%	6.5%	7.4%
Bachelor's degree	10.8%	16.3%	11.3%	16.6%	11.1%	16.9%	11.2%	17.2%	11.5%	17.2%	11.8%	17.1%
Graduate or professional degree	7.3%	9.2%	7.5%	9.4%	7.6%	9.7%	7.9%	9.9%	7.8%	10.0%	8.2%	9.9%

Note: The Group Quarters (GQ) population is included in the 2006 ACS and not included in the 2005 or earlier ACS. Many types of GQ populations, such as residents of college dormitories and prisons, have educational attainment distributions that are very different from the household population. The inclusion of the GQ population could therefore have a noticeable impact on the education attainment distribution. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability.